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MISSISSIPPI LOCATION FOR FILM PRODUCTION Big Bad Love Set to Film in Holly Springs and Oxford

JACKSON, Miss., July 20 -- Sun Moon & Stars Entertainment and the Mississippi Film Office, Mississippi Department of Economic and Community Development, announce that production will begin in September on the feature film BIG BAD LOVE in Holly Springs and Oxford. The project is based on stories by Oxford writer Larry Brown.

The film will mark the directorial debut of the actor Arliss Howard (AMISTAD, FULL METAL JACKET, OLD MEN DON'T LEAVE, WILDER NAPALM). The screenplay is by Jim Howard. BIG BAD LOVE is the story of a struggling writer, Leon Barlow, and the shambles of his life as he deals with an ex-wife, their kids, his mother, a growing mountain of rejection notices, true friends, and good whiskey.

Barlow will be played by Howard. His ex-wife, Marilyn, will be played by Debra Winger (SHADOWLANDS, WILDER NAPALM, TERMS OF ENDEARMENT, AN OFFICER AND A GENTLEMAN).

BIG BAD LOVE is being financed by London-based Sun Moon & Stars Entertainment and produced by Barry Navidi and Manfred Wilde. Jacksonian Bob Johnston is the Line Producer. Paul Ryan (THOMAS AND THE MAGIC RAILROAD, BOX OF MOONLIGHT, FOXES) is the Cinematographer. Production and Costume Design will be by Patricia Norris (Production: OLD MAN, LOST HIGHWAY, WILD AT HEART; Costume: SUNSET, 2010, VICTOR/VICTORIA, THE ELEPHANT MAN, DAYS OF HEAVEN).

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